# **State Library Report**

### September 2012

# **Activities / Accomplishments**

<u>September 7:</u> Raye Oldham posted the LSTA Annual Program Plan. The plan includes guidelines for all of this year's LSTA grants, plus the Letter of Intent (LOI), NC Cardinal and EZ Grant applications.

<u>September 7</u>: Jennifer Pratt attended the "Triangle Librarians Meeting of the Minds" in Hillsborough. The deans from the 3 library schools participated in a panel discussing how they prepare library school students for their occupations.

<u>September 9 -12:</u> Jennifer Pratt and Cal Shepard attend the Risk and Reward Conference in Telluride, CO. Highlights of the conference included workshops on Community Engagement and Taking Libraries into the Future.

<u>September 10</u>: Kay Tillotson presented at the Vance County Genealogical Society workshop held at the Perry Memorial Library in Henderson, NC. There were 46 attendees, including librarians and genealogical researchers.

<u>September 11:</u> Jeffrey Hamilton arranged for scholarships for 23 library staff (primarily from community colleges) to the Lead the Change workshop in Raleigh.

<u>September 12</u>: Digital Preservation Video Spotlight, The Power of Web Archives: Making Government More Efficient, featuring Lisa Gregory, GHL Digital Collections Manager was added to the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC) website. Lisa was selected to participate in the Video Spotlight series and share her perspective as a digital preservation professional to help explain the importance of web archiving to IIPC website visitors. The IIPC community comprises national libraries and archives and serves as a collaborative effort to drive best practices in web archiving around the world. <a href="http://netpreserve.org/web-archiving/videos">http://netpreserve.org/web-archiving/videos</a>

<u>September 17 – 19:</u> Haywood County went live with NC Cardinal. Tanya Prokrym supported the migration of 5 library branches with roughly 30,000 patrons and a little over 165,000 item records. For the first time, an NC Cardinal Welcome Packet of materials was compiled for NC Cardinal migrations. This packet was provided to Haywood County for their migration and will be used in future migrations.

<u>September 17</u>: Collaborative Educational Workshop Planning with State Archives: GHL staff (Cheryl McLean and Rebecca Hyman) met with Debbi Blake (State Archives) to begin planning joint State Library/State Archives quarterly educational workshops for the public. Initial plans are to offer a 1 to 1 ½ hour Saturday workshop each quarter on a research topic of interest to our users. Tentative dates for workshops are January 26, April 12, and July 27, 2013. Research topics for the first two workshops are Revolutionary and Civil War service records, respectively. The State Library and State Archives also agreed to jointly host the second annual DCR Family History Fair on October 26, 2013.

<u>September 18:</u> American Library Assn. News Release: State Library's Hispanic Heritage theme page http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/themes/september.html was highlighted in a news release from the American Library Association, *Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month @ your library*. Mitzi Townes on the GHL staff created and updates the State Library's Hispanic Heritage resource page. (See excerpt below under "Other").

<u>September 18</u>: Data Workshop Onslow County Public Library: Beth Hayden gave a data workshop to grant seekers in Onslow County. Attendees learned how to use the American Community Survey to find data on special populations.

<u>September 18:</u> Laura O'Donoghue coordinated a conference call with the Affiliated Libraries Committee (of the State Library Commission) to discuss next steps and survey results.

<u>September 18:</u> Jeffrey Hamilton presented at the Warren County Memorial Library for staff day on E-reader devices and professional development opportunities for library staff.

<u>September 20:</u> Genealogy 101: the Basics Workshop, Olivia Raney Library, Raleigh: Kay Tillotson gave a 2-hour workshop on basic genealogical research methods and resources. There were 45 attendees and a great interest in African-American genealogical research.

<u>September 20:</u> Digital Preservation in State Government – Executive Order update: Sarah Koonts (State Archives) met with the Governor's Office about a DCR-proposed Executive Order related to digital preservation in state government. Sarah represented the State Library and State Archives who are working together to achieve cooperation and compliance from state agencies related to management and preservation of state government records and publication. No action taken yet.

<u>September 21:</u> Kelly Brannock traveled to Washington DC where she met the Director of the Library of Congress (LOC) and toured the new *Young Readers Center* at the library; consulted with *Letters about Literature* national coordinator about this year's program; and networked with other LOC Center for the Book affiliates, IMLS staff & LOC representatives prior to National Book Festival.

<u>September 21-23:</u> Kelly Brannock and Lori Special made personal contact with thousands of visitors to the NC exhibit at the National Book Festival's Pavilion of States in Washington, DC; distributed over 5000 bookmarks promoting NC's *Great Read*, <u>The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic</u>, by Allan Wolf and its connection to NC history and cultural resources (Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum and the NC Museum of Science); and shared information about the new NC Literary Map.

<u>September 21:</u> Tanya Prokrym and Jeffrey Hamilton made a special trip to Franklin County to discuss various Evergreen report, cataloging, and circulation issues. The trip resolved many issues for Franklin County.

<u>September 24</u>: NC Health Statistics Presentation, State Library, Raleigh: Beth Hayden coordinated a 2-hour presentation/discussion on state health statistics. Eleanor Howell of DHHS presented to 11 attendees from state and local government, Triangle J, and other organizations.

<u>September 25</u>: NC Health Statistics Webinar: Beth Hayden and Eleanor Howell repeated the NC Health Statistics presentation in a Webinar.

<u>September 26</u>: Jennifer Pratt and Laura O'Donoghue met with the Camden County Attorney to discuss Camden County's plans for a new library.

<u>September 26:</u> Raye Oldham finalized all arrangements for 2 webinars (about new LSTA Grant categories) and 3 grant writing workshops.

<u>September 26 – 29:</u> LD Staff (Jennifer Pratt. Raye Oldham, Lori Special, Laura O'Donoghue, Tanya Prokrym, and Jeffrey Hamilton) co-hosted the ALA Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) annual conference in downtown Raleigh. It was a high energy event with over 90 participants from NC that were sponsored with LSTA funds.

<u>September 27:</u> Laura O'Donoghue met with the Public Librarian Certification Commission. Fifty candidates (of the 62 applications received) received certification.

#### **Notable Statistics**

- Jeffrey Hamilton assisted two more public libraries in setting up a LibGuides account; there are now 60 public libraries with an account.
- Jeffrey Hamilton contacted 11 directors about the Connect2Compete pilot starting this fall in their counties and encouraged them to fill out the zip code locator tool for finding digital literacy training opportunities.
- The Train Station had 1,337 hits in September and 60 events were posted to the Train Station Calendar.
- Membership in the CEinfo listserv grew from 66 to 115;

## **Coming Up**

**October 3:** 47 attendees from the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society National Conference will be visiting the GHL and Archives to do research. The GHL and the State Archives will provide a 1 hour presentation on our genealogical research resources and then attendees will spend the day researching their own family histories in the Library and the Archives.

**October 11** Raye Oldham will present a webinar about the new LSTA Grant Category - Collaboration & Innovation

**October 14**<sup>th</sup> **NC Literary Hall of Fame induction ceremony** will be held in Southern Pines. The NC Center for the Book is one of several coordinators and partners sponsoring this event. Kelly will be attending. Maya Angelou, John Lawson & Kathryn Stripling Byer will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

**October 18** Raye Oldham will present a webinar about the new LSTA Grant Category - Literacy & Lifelong Learning

**October 25 - 28** SLNC is a co-sponsor of the NCLA Leadership Institute that will be held at Caraway Conference Center in Sophia, NC. Thirty-seven library staff from across the state will participate in a full schedule of Change Management, Management to Leadership, Emotional Intelligence, and Organizational Capacity sessions, plus small group and project development mentoring.

**October 23** The annual CE survey, distributed to librarians across the state, will be closed and summarized prior to the next Continuing Education Advisory Committee (CEAC) meeting. The CEAC will meet on October 30<sup>th</sup> to review survey data and make recommendations for 2012-13.

#### Other

E-mail received from Sheppard Memorial Library Director Greg Needham on 9-26-12 about the library's new website: Three cheers to the State Library for the LibGuides purchase- it was the catalyst that finally took us from the stone age to a new day! Cal, once again the State Library makes the critical difference!

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Hello,

I'm a law librarian in California and I was asked to track NC administrative regulations from 1970 to 1989. There isn't much I can do locally for this request as we just don't have access to NC historical regulations – even through local universities. I called your library hoping that someone might help me and spoke to Steve Case. Steve researched the regulations for me and really went out of his way to be sure I had everything your library could provide for this request. He then found a person that could help me at the Supreme Court Library so I could get the later years that aren't covered by your collection. I can't thank Steve enough for all his assistance – this request would have been impossible with him. He is a terrific librarian and a reminder of the standard of librarianship we should all strive to achieve. Thank you,

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#### **ALA Press Release**

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## Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month @ your library

CHICAGO — Each year, National Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15, commemorating Independence Day for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. [...] This year, libraries will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, and the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. Here are just a few examples of what libraries are doing to celebrate these stories. [...]

The State Library of North Carolina has developed a new website to recognize the contributions that Hispanics have made and continue to make throughout the state. Since the early 1990s, the state's Hispanic population has grown considerably, with North Carolina now having the fifth largest Hispanic population in the United States. The website provides a comprehensives list of resources in such areas as history, art, state collections and school lesson plans that focus on educating people about Hispanic heritage in North Carolina.

**Charlotte School of Law:** State Library (GHL), Charlotte, NC: Betty Thomas, librarian at the CSL Law Library learned about the services and resources offered by the State Library's GHL through a legislative history webinar presented by GHL Reference staff earlier in the year. She wanted to share information about the valuable resources and services of the State Library with students through a library exhibit

and worked with GHL staff to obtain display materials and information The exhibit was created in September 2012. (photo below: one of 4 exhibit case sections devoted to SLNC)



**Fun Fact** – LBPH currently has 62 centenarian patrons. The oldest active patron is Lois B. Tracy at 110 years of age. She is continuing to read actively in both analog and <u>digital</u> format.